

## LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health  
January 13, 2015

### I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:01 PM by Heidi Stark at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Roma Amundson, Doug Emery, Craig Strong, Michael Tavlin, Brittany Behrens (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Heidi Stark.

Members Absent: Alan Doster, Karla Lester, Jacquelyn Miller, Michelle Petersen and Molly Burton (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Scott Holmes, Charlotte Burke, Steve Frederick, Kathy Cook, Gwendy Meginnis, Steve Beal, Joyce Jensen, and Elaine Severe.

### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Stark asked that Current Business Action Items be moved up on the agenda and heard before the Department Reports.

Dr. Stark asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Emery that the Agenda be approved as amended. Second by Mr. Tavlin. Motion carried by acclamation.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Emery that the December 9, 2014 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Mr. Tavlin. Motion carried by acclamation.

### III. PUBLIC SESSION

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

##### A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead stated Molly Burton is the new Mayoral Aide replacing Trish Owen. Ms. Burton has been assigned as the Health Department liaison and will attend the Board of Health meetings.

The Department will host a Tabletop Exercise on February 11, 2015 at the Center For People In Need. The exercise (Operation Take Cover) will allow participants to participate in a discussion of their roles, responsibilities and activities in response to a tornado event. It will also allow participants an opportunity to evaluate their current plans. Ms. Halstead welcomed Board of Health members to participate in the exercise.

Ms. Halstead stated Dr. Lester's "HEROES" Health Clinic opened today. Children's Hospital and Medical Center is sponsoring a HEROES Weight Management Clinic in conjunction with Teach A Kid To Fish, the YMCA and the UNL Department of Psychology. The clinic will work with children who are overweight or obese that are referred by their primary care provider for evaluation and treatment.

Ms. Halstead stated the swimming pool tester ordinance was implemented on January 1, 2015. Staff are making technical visits to swimming pool sites. Air Quality staff are reviewing the air quality program's fee structure. The Department will host four meetings to allow for public input and feedback to staff and the Air Pollution Control Advisory Board.

Ms. Halstead stated Jim Butler, a national Quality Improvement Consultant, will be at the Department January 20-23, 2015. Mr. Butler works directly with health departments to assist them in meeting accreditation, quality improvement and performance management needs. He will work with the Department's Quality Improvement Team and the Management Team.

Ms. Halstead stated flu continues to increase in the community. Three deaths have been reported in Lancaster County because of the flu. The elderly and very young are most susceptible to the disease.

#### IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

##### A. Proposed Appointments to the Food Advisory Committee

Ms. Jensen stated staff are recommending the appointment of Michelle Crites, Tom Hansen, Julie Albrecht and the reappointment of Linda Hubka to the Food Advisory Committee. Dr. Albrecht is a public representative representing UNL Nutrition and

Health Sciences. Ms. Crites, Mr. Hansen, and Ms. Hubka are Industry representatives.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Amundson that the Board of Health approve the appointments of Michelle Crites, Tom Hansen and Dr. Julie Albrecht and the reappointment of Linda Hubka to the Food Advisory Committee. Second by Mr. Tavlin. Motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Legislation Update

Ms. Halstead stated the 2015 Legislative Session began on January 7, 2015. Bills of interest include: LB 31 – Motorcycle helmet requirements; LB 50 – Medicaid covered services; LB 98 – Appropriations for tobacco use prevention control; and LB 118 – Licensure of cigar shops. Ms. Halstead will continue to provide updates to the Board of Health at monthly meetings.

B. 2014 Board of Health Actions/Accomplishments

Ms. Halstead reviewed the Board of Health Actions/Accomplishments for 2014. She stated the information will be required for accreditation purposes. The actions/accomplishments will be accepted and filed with Board of Health documents.

C. Accreditation Update

Ms. Burke provided an update on the Department's plans to pursue national accreditation. The Public Health Accreditation Board was established in 2007 to provide assistance to health departments to meet national standards to protect the health of the public. To date, there are 60 health departments in the country that are accredited, 52 local departments and 8 state departments. Departments must meet prerequisites before applying for accreditation. Prerequisites include completion of a Community Health Assessment, completion of a Community Health Improvement Plan and completion of a Department Strategic Plan. Pat Lopez, Public Health Accreditation Board consultant, will provide an in-depth presentation on accreditation at the February 10, 2015 Board of Health meeting.

Ms. Burke stated Jim Butler and Christina Herrington, public health consultants, will be at the Department January 20-23, 2015 to work with the Quality Improvement Team to prepare a Quality Improvement Plan. One part of the Department's work to become accredited is to implement a Quality Improvement Plan. Mr. Butler and Ms. Herrington will assist staff in launching the Quality Improvement Team and provide a presentation to the Management Team and all Health Department staff. Ms. Halstead invited Board members to attend the Management Team meeting on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM or the All Staff Meeting on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 AM.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – February 10, 2015 - 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Elaine Severe  
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller  
Vice-President